

Residential Organics Recycling is Here!

Recycling organics is easy and convenient with EDCO's new residential commingled organics recycling program. EDCO has expanded source-separated green waste collection to include the recycling of food waste. This new service will allow residents to ***place food scraps in the same container as green waste!*** Organic material (food scraps and yard waste) will then be recycled at EDCO's Anaerobic Digester Facility, where it will break down and convert into renewable natural gas and fertilizer.

Collecting Your Food Scraps

Collect food scraps in ***any container*** for an easy way to set aside leftovers for your green cart. Coffee cans, plastic food storage containers, or food pans can be used.

How do I get my food scraps from my kitchen to the organics cart?

There are many different ways to cleanly move food scraps from your kitchen to your organics cart. Here are some of the most popular options:

- **Wrap Your Scraps!** - Many people find wrapping food waste in any type of non-wax paper, such as paper towels, packing paper, newspaper, or paper bags, is an easy way to move food waste from inside your kitchen to your organics cart. This is especially true for large quantities of fruit, meat, etc., and you can even leave the scraps wrapped in the paper and then just drop it into the organics cart.
- **Containerize It** - Many people have their own containers, such as coffee cans and Tupperware products, that they are comfortable using to hold food scraps. Similar to kitchen caddies, once the container is full, it can be taken and emptied into the organics cart.
- **Freeze It** - Some people choose to freeze their food scraps in containers and paper bags and then empty as needed.
- **Kitchen Caddies** - A kitchen caddy is an optional, free 1.5 gallon sealable container that can be placed under your kitchen sink or another convenient area for your household to use. Kitchen caddies lock to keep odors in and once full, can be taken to your organics cart and emptied onto the green waste. After emptying, it can be washed out and is dishwasher safe. **To receive a free EDCO kitchen caddy, please visit our website, edcodisposal.com, and visit the Residential Service's Organics page to place an order.**

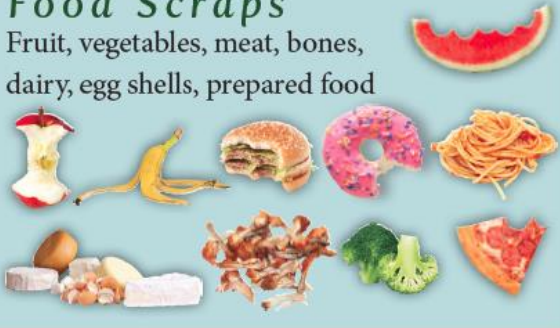


What Goes in Your Residential Green Cart?

Organic waste (also referred to as organics), which includes food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non-hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste, is now collected all mixed together in your green residential organics cart. *Please do not use plastic bags as they contaminate the Anaerobic Digester!* Below are just a few examples of what to place in your green organics cart.

Food Scraps

Fruit, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy, egg shells, prepared food



Yard Waste

Plants, leaves, branches, grass



Food-Soiled Paper

Napkins, tea bags, paper plates, coffee filters



Natural Fibers

Popsicle sticks, sawdust, toothpicks, wooden chopsticks, untreated wood.



Please do not use any kind of plastic bags (including certified compostable or biodegradable bags) for any type of green waste, food waste or other organics collection or disposal, as they contaminate the Anaerobic Digester! All organic material must be placed loosely inside the organics cart for collection. Paper bags are acceptable.

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